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Greetings to All!

We are thankful that local county positivity rates and hospitalizations for COVID-19 are low at this point in time. Additionally, residents and staff have had opportunity to receive the vaccine. Given these factors, all CILA individuals may visit their family homes without restriction beyond the 90 day post recovery time-frame. However, we ask you to exercise caution, to avoid large groups, and refer to the parameters listed below.

If your loved one is exposed to someone who tests positive for COVID-19, the CDC still suggests a period of quarantine for individuals living in congregate settings regardless of vaccination status. When your loved one returns from a home visit, we will screen them for exposure and symptoms.

If at any time we experience a new case of COVID-19 in a staff member or resident, visits would likely be suspended again for a period of time. When the weather warms up, we'll be back in touch with on-site Outdoor Visit Parameters for families who are not local. Both EPIC and TCRC are gradually transitioning their structure as well, but with COVID protocols.

Current Parameters for Community Access and Visits to Family Homes:

1. Community Access for CILA individuals is restored with appropriate preventive measures i.e. face coverings, social distancing etc.
 - a. *This includes shopping, outings with limited exposure, haircuts, out to eat, & small community events.*
2. CILA interaction/house events are no longer limited to paired CILA's.
3. Home visits of any duration - residents will be screened when they return.
 - a. *If they came in close contact with someone known to be COVID-19 positive while on a home visit, testing (negative) is required before returning.*
 - b. *If they have COVID symptoms, testing (negative) is required before returning.*
 - c. *Otherwise, they do not need to be tested before returning.*
4. Guardians may not yet freely enter the CILA unless they arrange it with the Q when others are not home.
5. Many of our COVID protocols within the CILA remain in place - including face coverings, appropriate PPE, employee & resident screening, & infection control procedures.

We appreciate your support and prayers, and are grateful to be at this point. Please call us if you have questions.

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